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SCHETELICH

SUMMARY: A BI-NATIONAL MARRIAGE CASE, NOT REPORTED
EARLIER TO THE DEPARTMENT, HAS BEEN RESOLVED FASTER
THAN ANY PREVIOUS CASE WE CAN RECALL HERE. THE GDR
FIANCE RECEIVED A PASSPORT WITH EXIT PERMISSION TWO
MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF HIS FIRST VERBAL REQUEST. AN
APPROVED FIANCE PETITION, FILED BY MAIL BY AMCIT
FROM TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN FRG, HAS NOT YET BEEN
RECEIVED HERE, BUT IS EXPECTED SOON. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER AN INITIAL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, NORA HALLETT,
A US CITIZEN STUDYING IN MUNICH, AND HER GDR FIANCE,
SEBASTIAN SCHETELICH VISITED THE EMBASSY ON JULY 11,
1977, TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES
FOR A FIANCE "K" VISA AND THE MECHANICS OF APPLYING FOR
GDR EX IT PERMISSION. BASED ON THIS INTERVIEW,
MR. SCHETELICH WROTE GDR AUTHORITIES ON JULY 19
ANNOUNCING HIS INTENTION TO MARRY MS. HALLETT, A US
CITIZEN, IN THE UNITED STATES, AND APPLYING FOR EXIT
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PERMISSION TO DO SO.

2. ON JULY 26, 1977, MR. SCHETELICH WAS SUMMONED TO
POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN BERLIN WHERE HE WAS TOLD THAT
HIS APPLICATION TO LEAVE THE GDR TO MARRY AND TAKE UP
RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT BE PROCESSED.
HE WAS WARNED THAT FURTHER ATTEMPTS ON HIS PART TO

PURSUE THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH AN APPLICATION MIGHT
"BRING HIM INTO DIFFICULTIES WITH THE AUTHORITIES."

3. EMBASSY SENT NOTE VERBALE TO CONSULAR SECTION OF
MFA ON JULY 29 QUOTING PARAGRAPH C OF THE SECTION ON
COOPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS OF CSCE
FINAL ACT AND REQUESTING MINISTRY TO HAVE APPROPRIATE
GDR AUTHORITIES FACILITATE MR. SCHETELICH'S APPLICATION
FOR AN EXIT PERMIT TO MARRY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED
STATES.

4. MS. HALLETT, WHO HAD IN THE MEANTIME RETURNED TO
MUNICH, COMPLETED AND NOTARIZED A FORM I-129F FIANCE
PETITION AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL THERE. ON AUGUST 19,
SHE MAILED THIS PETITION, AS REQUIRED FOR ADJUDICATION,
TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE OFFICE
IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON (HER HOME STATE).

5. ON AUGUST 11, IN RESPONSE TO A MAILED NOTICE TO
APPEAR THERE, MR. SCHETELICH WAS TOLD AT THE PASSPORT
SECTION OF THE VOLKSPOLIZEI, BERLIN-FRIEDRICHSHAIN,
THAT HIS APPLICATION TO LEAVE FOR THE UNITED STATES
COULD NOW BE PROCESSED. (NO ANSWER TO OUR NOTE WAS
RECEIVED FROM MFA, BUT SINCE THIS WAS SAME OFFICE AND
SAME OFFICIAL WHO HAD CATEGORICALLY REFUSED TO ACCEPT
APPLICATION ON JULY 26 (PARA 2 ABOVE), IT MAY HAVE HAD
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SOME EFFECT.) MR. SCHETELICH QUICKLY SUPPLIED THE
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND FORMS, AND WAS VERBALLY INFORMED
ON AUGUST 24 THAT HIS PASSPORT WOULD BE READY SEPTEMBER 20.

6. MS. HALLETT, WHO HAD RETURNED TO BERLIN ON AUGUST 26,
CALLED AT EMBASSY WITH MR. SCHETELICH ON SEPTEMBER 20.
MR. SCHETELICH WAS IN POSSESSION OF HIS GDR PASSPORT
CONTAINING AN EXIT VISA TO THE UNITED STATES VALID
TO NOVEMBER 1, 1977. EMBASSY HAS ON FILE MEDICAL
EXAMINATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ISSUANCE
OF FIANCE VISA EXCEPT APPROVED PETITION ITSELF.
MS. HALLETT WILL TELEPHONE HER FAMILY AND ASK THAT
THEY DIRECTLY CONTACT INS SEATTLE TO EXPEDITE PETITION.
DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO DO SO, ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE
DIFFICULTY IN ABSENCE OF FILE DATE AND NUMBER. BOLEN

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